

Dear [PROFESSOR NAME],

My name is [FIRSTNAME LASTNAME] and I'm a recent graduate of [X COLLEGE] in the process of applying to [YOUR SCHOOL AND PROGRAM]. I am primarily interested in research that explores the relationship between <culture, groups, and organizations> and <psychosocial well-being/flourishing>. I noticed your research interests include [RESEARCH AREA], which I believe overlaps with my interests in that [CONNECTION/EXPLANATION].

*[If it is known that they are accepting students...]*

I saw on [THE PROGRAM/YOUR/YOUR LAB] website that you are seeking new graduate students for Fall 2016. I'm writing to introduce myself and inquire whether you have any thoughts on how well our research interests align. My CV and transcript are attached for reference.

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Are you seeking new graduate students for Fall 2016? My CV and transcript are attached for reference.

Sincerely,  
[NAME]